Remarks

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application. Applicants have amended claims to eliminate multiple dependencies and thereby reduce the filing fee. Applicants have also amended claims to delete reference characters. The present invention is not limited to any particular embodiment shown in the drawings and/or described in the specification. Furthermore, Applicants have amended the claims to bring them more in line with standard U.S. format. Applicants also submit herewith on a separate sheet an abstract of the disclosure.

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Abstract of the Disclosure

A maritime unit and a method for operating a maritime unit. The maritime unit includes a frame structure that is provided with at least power production and/or drive assemblies for the maritime unit. The maritime unit includes at least three legs operated by a jack mechanism. The jack mechanism steadies the maritime unit on the seabed by driving the legs from a standby position, as required by the maritime unit's shipping condition, downwards in a direction substantially vertical with respect to the frame structure. The jack mechanism also releases the legs from the seabed by driving the legs upward relative to the frame structure. The maritime unit has at least its legs operated on a so-called disk brake principle for enabling a substantially stepless drive therefor, particularly regarding the manipulation and locking thereof, whereby the maritime unit has each of its legs provided with a brake disk system, such as one or more brake flanges or the like, extending longitudinally of the leg. The maritime unit has its frame structure provided with a brake system, such as one or more brake shoe elements or the like, operable in a vertical direction by means of a jack mechanism.